

December 22, 2016

Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees
Superintendent Richard Carranza
4400 WW. 18th St.
Houston, TX 77092-8501

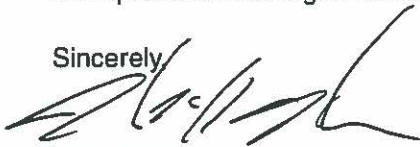
Dear Houston Independent School District Board of Trustees and Superintendent Carranza:

As required by state law, school districts whose wealth level per weighted average student exceeds certain statutorily defined amounts are required to take a wealth equalization action. The most commonly used action is to hold an election asking voters to agree to remit certain property tax revenues to the state. If the vote to remit fails, state law then requires that the commissioner of education to detach property from that school district in amounts that will reduce wealth down to statutorily-determined levels.

I received your letter dated December 1, 2016, regarding the certified results of the November 8, 2016, election under Texas Education Code (TEC) §41.096. Because the election failed to pass, in accordance with my statutorily required duties and obligations under Chapter 41 of the TEC and 19 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 62, I am required to serve this order and notice of detachment of property from Houston Independent School District (HISD) and annexation to another school districts. Please see TEC §§41.004 and 41.208(a). At this time, the portion of the taxable value of the property to be detached from HISD is estimated to be \$17,373,019,036. As soon as practicable, I will issue a supplemental order with required information pursuant to TEC § 41.208(a) and (b).

TEA is committed to providing all taxpayers, property owners, and school and appraisal districts with accurate and transparent information regarding these matters as quickly as possible and to complying with statutory obligations under Texas law. Please contact Leo Lopez at (512) 463-9179 or leo.lopez@tea.texas.gov with any questions.

Sincerely,



Mike Morath
Commissioner of Education

cc: Mr. Roland Altinger, Chief Appraiser for Harris County